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UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)**

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of:

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FOR: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR IMPROVING THE PERFORMANCE OF
MICROANALYTIC AND MICROSYNTHETIC PROCEDURES

Enclosed are:

- 19 pages of specification, claims, abstract.
- Declaration and Power of Attorney.
- Priority Claimed.
- Certified copy of _____
- 3 sheets of formal drawing.
- An assignment of the invention to Matsushita Electric Industrial Co., Ltd.
and the assignment recordation fee.
- An associate power of attorney.
- A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 37 CFR 1.27.
- Information Disclosure Statement, Form PTO-1449 and references.
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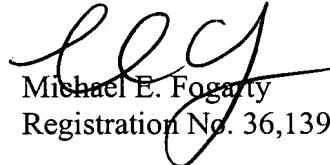
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Multiple Dependent Claim(s)					\$0.00
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